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TOPIC Military Information from Luckenwalde

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1. [REDACTED] it was learned that the high-echelon headquarters on Luckauer Strasse, Luckenwalde (N 53/E 70), was headed by Colonel General Golobov (fnu), who commanded an estimated 36,000 officers and N. Golobov was billeted on Gruenstrasse, Luckenwalde. Other generals on the staff included Lieutenant General Shabasnikov (fnu), deputy commander; Lieutenant General Gutkov (fnu), political officer; and Major General Zorokumov (fnu), G-3; all of whom were billeted on Jaonickendorfer Strasse. The headquarters was staffed with a total of 320 officers who were billeted in three large apartment houses in Luckenwalde.

2. Colonel Verbin (fnu) was chief of Signal Unit [REDACTED]. He was billeted at 7-12 Wilhelm-Liebknecht-Strasse and rode in [REDACTED].

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3. The artillery commander of the staff had [REDACTED] and the tank troops' commander [REDACTED]. The headquarters supply unit had [REDACTED]. The officers of the chemical section included Colonel Sugoryev (fnu), Major Litvinov (fnu), and Major Katsev (fnu). The officers of the technical section included Colonels Yelin (fnu), Miginov (fnu), Ivanov (fnu), Yereimenkov (fnu), and Neugedov (fnu). Colonel Yelin rode in passenger car [REDACTED]. Major Feodorov (fnu), was MVD chief at the headquarters. The operations section included Lieutenant Colonels Foerderov (fnu), Volkov (fnu), and Logenav (fnu).

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4. [REDACTED] of the headquarters telephone exchange was [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] Comment. The report refers to the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army which is located on Luckauer Strasse, Luckenwalde. Compare with a report of early October by [REDACTED]. In view of the army's organization into two tank divisions, two mechanized divisions, and headquarters units, the total strength of 36,000 men is somewhat below the actual strength, since a mechanized army with four component divisions is believed to have a peacetime strength of 40,000 to 42,000 men. Colonel

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General Golobov (fnu), who is unknown, is probably Lieutenant General K.D. Golubov who was reported by several Soviet newspapers to have been awarded an order at the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Moscow in May 1948. He may have succeeded Lieutenant General V.A. Mitrofanov as CG, Third Gds Mecz Army. According to Soviet newspapers, Mitrofanov was in Leningrad in July and September 1950. All other officers mentioned in the present report are unknown, with the exception of Major General Zorokumov (fnu), not Zorokumov, for whom there are indications of possible assignment to the 1st Third Gds Mecz Army. [ ] has been repeatedly reported from Luckenwalde. [ ] was reported three times from the Rehagen-Jueterbog area in 1949. Since a shipment of troops went [ ] from Alten-grabow to Jueterbog on 31 August 1949, the assignment [ ] to an artillery unit or an artillery staff is possible.

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